IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA

WRIT PETITION NO : 7678 of 2001

DATED: 21.12.2006

Between:

Y.Venkatesh & ors **petitioners**

And

The Chief Engineer,
R&M RTS, APGENCO, Ramagundam
Karimnagar dist and ors **Respondents**

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE N.V.RAMANA

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ORAL ORDER:

This writ petition is filed questioning the action of the respondents in rejecting the cases of the petitioners for absorption in respondent company.

Today when the matter is taken up, learned standing counsel for respondent-APGENCO submitted that the petitioners seek the relief of absorption in the present writ petition and in terms of the judgment of the Apex Court in **Steel Authority of India Limited Vs. National Water Front Workers**[1] the writ petition is not maintainable and the petitioners have to adjudicate their case before the concerned Labour Court. It is also submitted that batch of writ petitions were disposed of by this Court following the judgment of the Apex Court in **Steel Authority** case.

Heard the learned counsel for petitioners and learned Standing Counsel for respondents.

A learned Single Judge of this Court by common order dated 8.9.2003 in W.P. Nos. 379 of 2000 and batch, following the judgment of the Apex Court in **Steel Authority** case disposed of the writ petitions permitting the petitioners to raise dispute before the Labour Court/Industrial Tribunal. Thereafter similar batches of writ petitions were also disposed of following the judgment of the Apex Court in

Steel Authority case.

Since in the instant case also, the petitioners are seeking absorption, which requires adjudication of disputed questions of fact, following the judgment of the Apex Court in **Steel Authority** case,

I deem it appropriate to dispose of this writ petition also with the following directions:

The petitioner may approach the competent Authority under the Industrial Disputes Act for the relief of absorption/regularization.

Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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N.V.RAMANA,J

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